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This letter constitutes formal advice from the Plymouth Local Access Forum. Plymouth City Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

When calling or telephoning please ask for: **Mr Ross Johnston**

Dear Mr Barnard,

Re: Plym Valley Cycle Trail - Planning Application: 11/01254/FUL

I write further to my letter on 12 September 2011.

At the Local Access Fourm meeting on 12 September 2011, members discussed the proposal of the above development and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to arrange a site visit with James Pascoe the National Trust in order that members could receive answers from some of their queries.

Members met with Mr Pascoe on Friday 23 September 2011 at Plym Bridge and questioned him on the following issues –

- where the cafe would be sited;
- the height of the building;
- the use of sedum on the roof;
- toilet facilities;
- changing rooms;
- car parks and access;

Members also queried issues regarding the policing of the site and were advised that European funding would allow two extra wardens to be employed. It was emphasised to members that the trail was not to be constructed from new routes but existing overgrown paths, these would be resurfaced and vegetation cut back and brought into use.

It was commented by members that this development was similar to routes at Ashton Gate, Bristol and in Haldon Forest.

In conclusion members were satisfied with the planning application for a Plym Valley Cycle Trail and have no objections to make as a Forum.

Yours Sincerely

Ross Johnston
Secretary to the Plymouth Local Access Forum

cc. Adam Williams, Case Officer